



# LAKE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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**PLEASE WELCOME CLAUDIA ANDRADE, OUR NEW  
FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE AND YOUTH DEVELOP-  
MENT EXTENSION AGENT. (P.S. SHE'S THE BRIDE).**



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## Coming Home

Hello 4-H Families! My name is Claudia Andrade, formerly Claudia Hewston, and I am excited to announce that I will be joining the Lake County Extension Office team as the Family Consumer Science & 4-H Agent.

I was born and raised in Polson and grew up in the Lake County 4-H program. My sisters and I originally started our 4-H careers with the Flathead Lake Pioneers which at the time was known for being the homeschool 4-H club. However, my sisters and I did opt to attend public schools for our high school careers where we then joined the Pistols and Pony-tails 4-H club.

During my 12 years as a 4-Her, I participated in a variety of projects from Dog, Cooking, Sewing, Woodworking, Crocheting, Teen Leadership, Small Engines, Scrapbooking, Family Adventures, and I even did a hamster project at one point. I also recall attending REC Lab, Winter Teen Camp, Out of County 4-H Field Day, Congress, Winter Project Days, 4-H Talent Show, Fair, and Multi-County 4-H camp all of which were wonderful experiences!

After graduating from Polson High School, I attended the University of Providence in Great Falls Montana. Here I was an active member in Chemistry Club, Student Body government, Theater, Providence Formation Program (community volunteer program), Cross Country, and Track and Field. I graduated in 2018 with a bachelor's in wildlife biology.

From this point I wish I could say my career path was straightforward, however, I have held a number of jobs from Bird and Bat Field Technician to Head Cook on the Rocking Z Guest Ranch. But through it all, I discovered how important community and youth development really were to me and I eventually found my way back home and back to 4-H.

When I am not at work I can generally be found hiking with my husband Leo and our dog Cooper. I love running and being outside but I also enjoy crocheting when the weather is cold and experimenting in the kitchen. Family and Friends are very dear to me and I enjoy making time for regular adventures big or small.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with the Lake County 4-H community and helping cultivate positive experiences for you and your families. Please feel free to reach out or stop by the office as I am eager to get to know you all and to hear how I can best serve the needs of our community.

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**Claudia G. Andrade (Hewston)**

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Family Consumer Science & 4-H Youth Development





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## 4-H Notes

- Please cash your Grand and Reserve checks and your award checks before Jan. 21.
- Scholarship Committee meeting, January 25 at 6 p.m. If you are interested at all, please come join the meeting. We're trying to refresh the application. Please let the Extension Office know if you're coming.
- Next Council Meeting on Feb. 1, 2022 at 6 p.m. We'll be preparing donation letters and handing out raffle tickets to Leaders.
- Don Greytak calendads are available at the Extension Office for \$15. All proceeds go to 4-H, thanks to Mr. Greytak.



Charlo Junior Stockgrowers 4-H Club brought a float to the Ronan Parade of Lights. Their theme was "Giving Gifts that Last Forever".





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Below, Alia Johnson shapes her yogurt rolls.  
Amy and Sarah Snyder, right, put the finishing touches on their sheet of rolls.



**Mission Mountaineers 4-H Club paid a visit to Mission Valley Popcorn Kitchen. They learned about how popcorn grows and taste tested the finished product.**





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## **Members,**

### **Start thinking about being nominated for 'I AM 4-H'**

**STEP ONE** — Leaders nominate all their members who have completed member requirements as stated in Lake County 4-H Policy and Procedure (update 2020).

#### **THE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS ARE:**

- Complete official enrollment and be enrolled in a minimum of three 4-H projects
- Enroll by Dec 1, 2021, with enrollment fee paid
- Attend and participate in meetings — 4-H club meetings — as defined by each club or project meetings as applicable
- Members must give a speech or demonstration during the 4-H year.
- Members must set 4-H project goals and measure progress towards those goals.
- Keep records in each 4-H project in which the member is enrolled.
- Members must complete the projects in which they are enrolled and evaluate their 4-H experiences through their record books.
- Participate in fundraising activities as necessary.

4-H members must have all fees paid and be in good standing with their club by-laws to participate in any 4-H event, activity, entering the Lake County Fair, or receiving awards checks.

**STEP TWO** — The nominated members attend a panel interview which will allow them to highlight their 4-H experiences, followed by filling out a questionnaire.

**STEP THREE** — The questionnaire will further highlight accomplishments of the 4-H year.

From these three steps up to three winners per age group of 8-11 years, 11-13 years, 14-18 years will be identified.

#### **AWINNERS WILL RECEIVE:**

A personalized 4-H jacket                      A monetary award of \$250  
Opportunity to attend any 4-H State or National Event or Camp, all expenses paid (age appropriate travel only).



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## JANUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Steer weigh-in
9	10	11 Cooking Class 6 p.m.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Cooking Class 6 p.m.	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## February 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Council Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Cooking Class 6 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Cooking Class 6	23	24	25	26
27	28					